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Decision of the Human Rights Committee at its seventy-third session

Note by the Secretariat

At its 1972nd meeting, on 24 November 2001, the Human Rights Committee adopted decision 1 (73), recommending action by the General Assembly. The text of the decision is reproduced below for information.

Decision 1 (73)

The Human Rights Committee,

Recalling that its activities under the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights[1] have increased as a result of the growing number of States parties to the Optional Protocol,

Reiterating its concern, expressed in annual reports to the General Assembly,[2] that the backlog in consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol, while progressively being reduced, continues to exist,

Drawing attention to article 36 of the Covenant, pursuant to which the Committee shall be guaranteed the necessary resources for the effective performance of all of its functions, including the consideration of communications under the Optional Protocol,

[1] Resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/53/40), vol. I, paras. 430-432, and ibid., *Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/55/40), vol. I, paras. 539-545.

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Recalling its decision, adopted at its 1955th meeting, on 27 July 2001, to request an additional week of meetings to be held after its seventy-fifth session, in July 2002,[3]

Recommends to the General Assembly the following draft decision for adoption:

> The General Assembly, taking note of decision 1 (73) of 24 October 2001 of the Human Rights Committee, decides to endorse the request of the Committee to hold an additional week of meetings following its seventy-fifth session, scheduled to be held from 8 to 26 July 2002 in Geneva.

[3] Ibid., *Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 40* (A/56/40), vol. I, para. 47.